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1. EMB IS VERY ENTHUSIASTIC ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF BOB DYLAN AND ROLLING THUNDER REVUE TOURING SOVIET UNION. THREE POSSIBLE METHODS OF BRINGING GROUP TO SOVIET UNION EXIST.

2. OPTIONS ARE: FIRST POSSIBILITY IS THAT GROUP COME UNDER CULTURAL AGREEMENT AUSPICES, BUT THAT ALL ARRANGEMENTS BE MADE DIRECTLY BETWEEN DYLAN'S MANAGEMENT AND GOSKONTSERT, WITH EMB ASSISTANCE. NO DEPT. SUBSIDY IS ENVISIONED UNDER THIS OPTION. THIS ESSENTIALLY WOULD BE COMMERCIAL ARRANGEMENT, BUT CULTURAL AGREEMENT SPONSORSHIP WOULD FACILITATE NEGOTIATIONS, LEND PRESTIGE TO EVENT, AND ENABLE EMBASSY TO CONDUCT MULTI-MEDIA PROGRAM USING TOUR TO EXPLAIN ASPECTS OF AMERICAN SOCIETY REPRESENTED BY GROUP. EMBOFF WOULD TRAVEL WITH GROUP TO DEVELOP THESE MEDIA AND COMMUNITY CONTACT PROGRAMS. BEST TIME WOULD BE AFTER SEPTEMBER 1976 OR IN 1977.

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3. OPTION TWO: GROUP COULD COME AS FULLY SPONSORED

PAG WITH ALL ATTENDENT SUPPORT.

4. OPTION THREE: GROUP COULD COME ON COMPLETELY COMMERCIAL TOUR WITHNO DEPT. OR EMB INVOLVEMENT. IN THIS CASE WE BELIEVE GOSKONTSERT WOULD MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO KEEP EMBASSY OUT OF TOUR AND THIS WOULD ELIMINATE POSSIBILITY OF AFFECTING GROUP'S PRESENTATION AND OTHER PROGRAMMING.

5. POST BELIEVES OPTIONS ONE OR TWO ABOVE PREFERABLE TO THREE AS THEY WOULD ENABLE US TO DEVELOP FULLER IMPACT OF GROUP AS EXAMPLE OF ARTISTIC CREATIVITY AND WIDE ROOM FOR EXPRESSION OF VARYING IDEAS IN OUR SOCIEITY.

6. SHOULD ONE OR TWO ABOVE BE FEASIBLE IN DEPT.'S VIEW, POST REQUESTS NAMES OF PRINCIPALS TO ACCOMPANY GROUP AND APPROXIMATE NUMBER IN GROUP SO WE MAY MAKE INFORMAL PRESENTATION TO GOSKONTSERT.

7. POST BELIEVES THAT POWERFUL MESSAGE OF EXISTENCE AND TOLERANCE OF DISSENT IN FREE SOCIETY IMPLICIT IN SONGS OF DYLAN, BAEZ AND MITCHELL WORTH EXTRA EFFORT ON PART OF DEPT. AND EMB TO BRING TO SOVIET UNION. ADVISE.
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